IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

Jyoti Kiron BHARDWAJ et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 25 and 50 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or";

line 2, delete "2".

Claim 4, line 1, delete "any";

line 2, change "preceding claim" to --claim 1--.

Claim 6, line 1, delete "or";

line 2, delete "claim 5"